

become a status symbol. My second supplementary is, whether you are going to have a complete scrutiny and review as far as deployment of these security guards for VIP duty is concerned.

SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO: This is being reviewed regularly. The number of protectees has been very much reduced. The extent of deployment of security guards to the protectees has also been reduced. If you take the year 2,000 as an instance, the number of protectees is also reduced and the number of security persons deployed with them is also reduced. If you take the five-years period, starting from 1997 to 2001, you will clearly find that the security deployment has been reduced after verifying the threat perception of the protectees.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Enquiry into alleged burning of Quran in Delhi

*565. **SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH:** Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have asked Delhi Police to enquire into the alleged burning of Quran in Delhi in March, 2001;

(b) if so, whether the enquiry has since been completed; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) Delhi Police registered an FIR on 13th March, 2001 under sections 153, 153-A, 153-B, 295-A and 34 IPC at Tuglaq Road Police Station on the complaint lodged by Shri Abdul Wahab Khilji, Secretary General of Markazi Jamat Ahlehadis Hind in which it was, *inter alia*, alleged that in the course of demonstration organized on 5th March, 2001 by Vishwa Hindu Parishad and World Hindu Council to protest against the destruction of Buddha statues at Bamiyan, Afghanistan, the demonstrators burnt a copy of Holy Quran with the intention to outrage the religious beliefs of the

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Muslim citizens of India. Delhi Police arrested three activists of Bajrang DI in connection with this case who were later released on bail granted by the Court. The investigation into the case is in progress.

Cultural projects for Karnataka

*566. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the ongoing projects and those likely to be commissioned in the near future by Ministry of Tourism and Culture in Karnataka;

(b) how much Central assistance is earmarked for the purpose; and

(c) whether the ongoing projects are as per the expectations?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) to (c) The Archaeological Survey of India protects and maintains 504 sites in Karnataka including two World Heritage sites—Hampi and Pattadakal. For archaeological conservation of these monuments a sum of Rs. 2.33 crores has been earmarked for the year 2001-2002. Besides, three new site museums have been set up in Karnataka namely—(i) Museum at Bagli, Distt. Davangere, (ii) Museum at Magazine Building, Hampi, and (iii) Museum at Guard House, Hampi. As part of environmental development, two new gardens are being commissioned at Pattabhram temple and Queen's Bath at Hampi.

Besides, action is on to set up a branch of the National Gallery of Modern Art in Bangalore.

Provisional figures of population as per Census, 2001

*567. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received provisional figures of the population of the country compiled in recent Census, 2001 from the Registrar-General of India;

(b) if so, the details of the same; and